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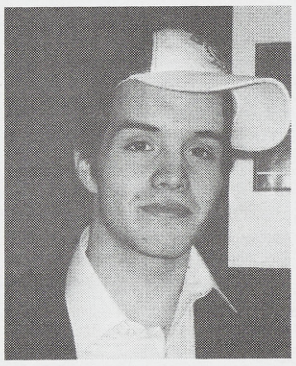
December: What Does This Month Mean To You?



Jesse Cordova
Sacramento
Model

December means opening those large packages and getting what you really desire! December also means having romantic dinners and romantic pleasures by a fireplace with a lot of chocolate and fruits!

Frankie Gonzo
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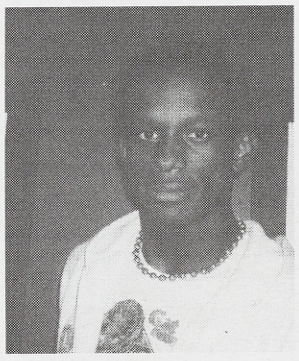
Student

December means lots of people running around emptying their savings. Forced time with family and relatives. I really hate christmas because my birthday is on December 24th and everyone usually forgets!

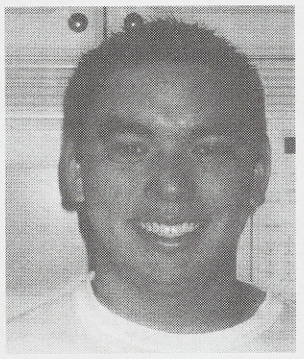


Joe Tyler
Sacramento
Dance Instructor/Model

December means time to mysekf and to reflect on the past year and the new year. I always enjoy doing choreography for my churches christmas musical. I enjoy being single and having time to enjoy the holiday spirit.

Joel Acevedo
Sacramento
Doorman

December means finding time to spend with family. Handing out my christmas wish list to close friends and famliy, and making time to spend with those who are less fortunate, bringing holiday cheer to the community.



Lance Chih
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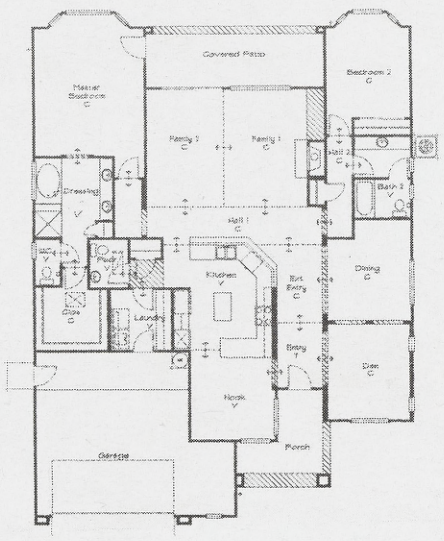

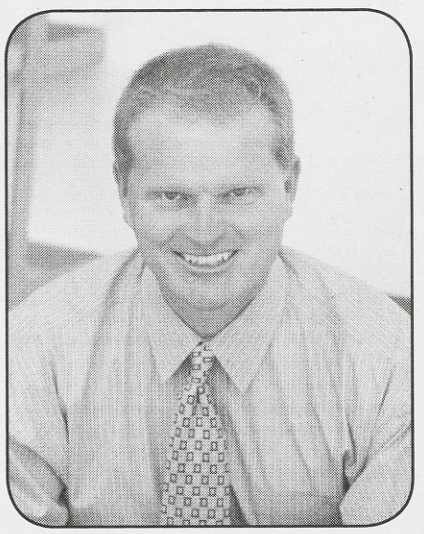

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NOTE FROM THE PUBLISHER

BY JEFFRY DAVIS

Is It Right For Us To Make Innocent Children Suffer?

Thank you for picking up Mom Guess What Newspaper's Annual World AIDS Day issue. I would like to talk about a couple of items that have been brought to my attention by our readers. Many of you have called or written about the letter printed in Outword Magazineís November 25th issue titled "Salvation Army" and have expressed that "this was an attack on MGW and its creditability within our community." While I admire the support and concern, I must remind everyone that as a Publisher it is our responsibility to our community to share their concerns and opinions with the public when they write in, whether good or bad.

I chose to support the Coats For Kids program for one very simple and logical reason. The kids! While it is true Salvation Army has discriminatory policies, the article I printed was asking community members to donate coats, not money to Fairytale Town not Salvation Army, for children who are less fortunate. I do not agree with Salvation Army's policies, nor would I donate to their organization, but I have and will continue to work hand in hand with the community to provide for children who are less fortunate. This may not be agreeable with everyone, but I must ask you, is it right for us to make innocent children suffer due to the ignorance and intolerance of these organizations?

I will apologize if I have offended anyone by my choice to support this program, however in our fight for acceptance and equality isn't it important to show that we are here to help everyone, and not just our own community? On a daily basis we seek to gain the support of organizations nationwide, each step we take is vital to our fight. In my personal opinion it is very important to show the nation that we as a community will do our part to take care of the children that will be the leaders of tomorrow. If anyone has questions or concerns I welcome and invite you to either call me or write in and I will be happy to discuss this issue further.

Another item of interest to our community and specifically MGW readers, is the lack of coverage, and involvement with two key HIV/AIDS organizations in Sacramento, C.A.R.E.S. and Breaking Barriers. I have made many attempts to take part in and cover events for both organizations throughout the last several months. It has been brought to my attention, that these organizations felt they did not have a good relationship with our paper in the past, and do not want to jeopardize the working relationship they have with Outword Magazine. I do not agree with the decisions that have been made by these organizations, nor do I agree with Outword Magazine's requests to local organizations and businesses to be exclusive only to their publication. It is the community that suffers when this happens. In closing it is my promise to our readers and community that I will continue to work with each of these organizations to assure that our participation is allowed in the future. We have many battles ahead of us, I hope that we can put the past behind us and work together to build a better future, haven't we fought enough? ▼

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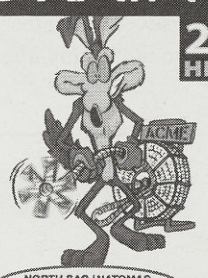

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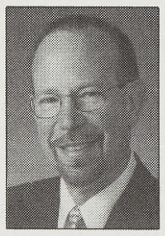

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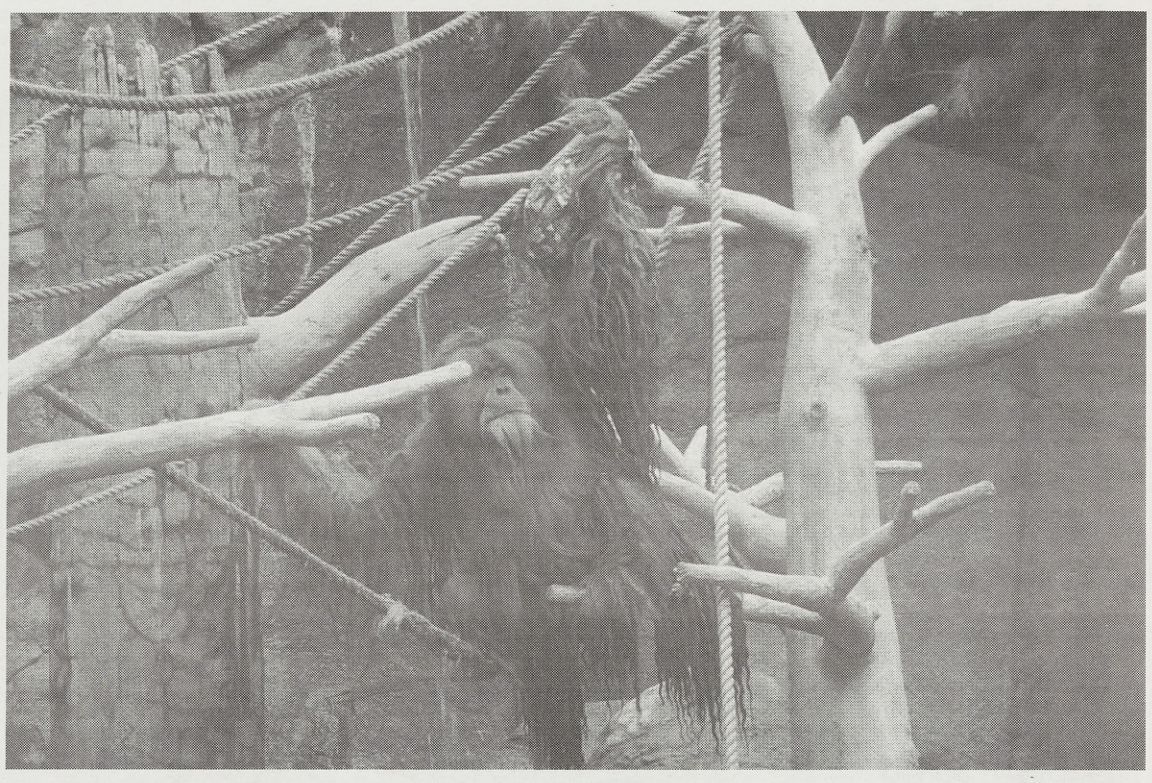

Celebrate Holiday Magic At The Sacramento Zoo

Holiday Treats to the Animals & Pictures with Santa on Saturday, December 11th

The holidays are here and it's time to enjoy the season—Santa is on his way to the Sacramento Zoo. Bring the entire family to visit the Zoo on Saturday, December 11th from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm for Holiday Magic. The animals will receive one-of-a-kind holiday gifts, from wrapped boxes and decorated trees to treat-filled stockings and acacia wreaths. Below is the enrichment and public talk schedule.

10:20 Orangutans – Holiday stockings with pumpkin, cranberries and clothes to play with
10:40 Red Panda – Bamboo wreaths and apples
11:00 Amazon Parrots – Acacia wreath with cranberries and apples
11:20 Sifaka – Plumbago wreath with garbanzo beans
11:40 Black & White Lemurs – Acacia wreaths with persimmons
12:00 Bongos – Small pumpkins with lettuce, apples, carrots and acorn squash
1:00 Vultures – Pumpkin with meat and bones inside
1:20 Giraffe – Acacia wreaths with apples, carrots, cranberries and grapes
1:40 Giant Anteater – Melon
2:00 Hyenas – Small wrapped boxes with meat and a treat-covered Christmas tree
2:20 Red Kangaroo – Christmas tree with carrot strings and iceberg lettuce
2:40 Thick-billed Parrots – Acacia wreaths with rose petals and cranberries
3:00 Snow Leopards – Wrapped box with meat and a Christmas tree

As part of Holiday Magic we also encourage visitors to bring a new unwrapped toy and receive free admission to the zoo for one child. Santa and Mrs. Claus will be available for photographs for a donation of $5 from 11 am to 3 pm.

The Sacramento Zoo is located near the corner of Land Park Drive and Sutterville Road in William Land Park. The Sacramento Zoo is open daily from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. General admission for ages 13 and over is $7.25. Admission for ages 3-12 is $5.00. Children two and under are admitted free. Parking is free and available throughout the park. For information, please call 916-264-5888 or visit the zoo's web site at www.saczoo.com. ▼

Celebrating Our Lives...
Women's Chorus Style

The True Colors Women's Chorus held its 2nd Annual "Celebrating Our Lives" extravaganza on November 6th at Temple B'Nai Israel. This yearly event recognizes and honors the loving and committed relationships in the LGBT community and showcases the talent of Sacramento's 18-year-old women's chorus, True Colors (formerly the Sacramento Women's Chorus). This year there were also performances by the Sacramento Men's Chorus and the DIVA Mixed Chorus. This was the first time ever that all three of Sacramento's largely LGBT choruses came together in one event.

"Celebrating Our Lives" was also a fundraiser for True Colors, and this year it featured an exciting silent auction, raffle, an elegant dessert bar, and the unveiling of the new 2005 True Colors Women's Chorus "Calendar Girls" style calendar. There were over 150 people in attendance who enjoyed the superb music, sweets, and auction. In addition to being a successful fundraiser, the chorus donated a portion of the proceeds to MECA (Marriage Equality California), a state wide organization that is fighting for gay marriage rights in California.

Audience members were also treated to superb guest speakers including former Sacramento **Mayor Anne Rudin**, **Kinna Patel** from MECA, **Dan Roth** of Stonewall Democratic Club, and others. The chorus then recognized those with official Domestic Partner status and long-term lesbian and gay couples. It was a wonderful and joyous evening celebrating LGBT lives and love. The Third Annual "Celebrating Our Lives" event is scheduled for October 15, 2005.

For more information about True Colors Women's Chorus, check out the website at: hometown.aol.com/SacWomensChorus.

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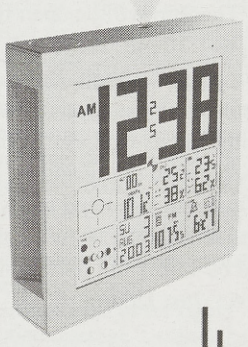

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Christmas Eve Free Day At The Sacramento Zoo

The Night Before Christmas Day Pajama Party

The Sacramento Zoo is celebrating The Night Before Christmas Day with a Pajama Party. The Zoo will be open from 10 am to 1:30 pm. There will be a reading of The Night Before Christmas story at noon at the amphitheatre as well as caroling for everyone to enjoy and participate in. You need not wear your pajamas, but if you do, they should be warm and preferably with feet. Just kidding!!!

Winter at the Zoo offers a perfect time to enjoy the brisk air, free parking and maybe even some hot chocolate, but don't forget to wear your hat and gloves. If you bundle up, itís a wonderful experience. Because there are fewer people, animals that tend to be shy are more likely to show themselves. It makes you feel like itís just you and the animals. It will be a cool (temperature as well as enjoyable) Night Before Christmas Day at the Zoo.

Remember Zoofari Market will be open for last minute shopping. Unique wildlife items are a specialty of Zoofari Market. There are zebra cookie jars, Endangered Species and Wild Animals of Africa chess sets (you've got to see these), and even tiger piggy banks and stuffed turtles. Especially for the children giraffe masks and hippo sponges, butterfly erasers and zebra back packs (these are just too cool).

For adults, bourbon peppercorn steak slather, Portobello shallot chop sauce as well as kangaroo and orangutan earrings, flamingo pins and much, much more.

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Students may be nominated by anyone or they may nominate themselves. You may either pick up the one page nomination form from a local high school or download the nomination form from www.scc.losrios.edu/~gunderl. All nominations must be postmarked by Friday, December 10, 2004.

Sixty semi-finalists will be contacted by phone on December 20th to schedule an in-person interview to be held in January 2005. All finalists will need to be available for the recording of their story and for a photo shoot during the spring of 2005. The finalists will be honored in a ceremony at SCC in May and the book is due out in stores in September 2005. If you have any questions or want more information, please visit the website or call **Dr. Lisa Gunderson** at 916-650-2768.▼

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25th Anniversary Pull-Out-All-The-Stops Celebration

Put on your dancin, shoes, get ready to kick up your heels and help celebrate the 25th Anniversary of the Sacramento Blues Society (SBS) on Sunday, December 5, 2004. The Anniversary bash is an all-ages event, and it runs from 2 p.m. until 8 p.m. in the Martinique Ballroom of the Red Lion Sacramento Inn at 1401 Arden Way next to the Arden Fair Mall.

Tickets are $20 for adults, and are available at The Beat in Downtown Sacramento at 17th and J Streets or at the door. Tickets for children under 13 years are $10, and will be available only at the door. **Derek Washington Jr.**, past SBS Board Member and strong advocate for the blues, will be handling the Master of Ceremonies duties.

The **Daniel Castro Band** (www.danielcastro.com) will be headlining the December 5, Anniversary blues extravaganza. Daniel, along with his trademark Telecaster, is a blues force that is a definite must see. His pure, passionate sound is reminiscent of **B.B. King**, **Albert King**, and **Albert Collins**, and he is on the forefront of the Bay Area Blues Scene. Daniel's musical roots also extend to California's Southland where he backed up legends from the **Johnny Otis Show**, **Loud Mouth Delmar Evans**, **Pee Wee Crayton** and **Little Esther Phillips**.

Singer/songwriter **Kathleen Cairns** and **Tattoo Blue** (www.tattooblue.net/pages/home.html) and the **Layce Baker Black Diamond Blues Band** (www.geocities.com/laycenet@pacbell.net) round out the excellent Anniversary bill. Kathleen's vocal styling has often been compared to **Bonnie Raitt, Janis Joplin, Etta James** and **Angela Strehli**, yet she delivers a fresh vocal perspective that is totally her own. She has performed throughout the West Coast with such notables as **Tommy Castro, Robben Ford, Coco Montoya, Delbert McClinton, John Mayall, Little Charlie and the Nightcats** and **Walter Trout**. Another great West Coast bluesman, **Layce Baker**, started playing guitar at age 8, and has played with such legends as: **The Whispers**, **The California Malibus, Lowell Fulsom and Little Johnny Taylor**.

The Sacramento Blues Society is a non-profit organization dedicated to preserving and promoting blues music as an art form, and it is one of the oldest blues societies in California. The SBS has kept the blues tradition alive in the Sacramento area by promoting the local blues music scene, bringing internationally renowned artists to the region and providing educational opportunities for young people with its Blues in the Schools Program.

Come celebrate the Blues, have a great time and help the Sacramento Blues Society usher in the next 25 years as we continue to support blues music as a vital and vibrant art form while expanding its presence in the greater Sacramento area. ▼

AIDS: Minorities At A Higher Risk

By Dr. Gail Wyatt and Russell Bennett

In recent years, great strides have been made in raising awareness among Americans of how AIDS is devastating Africa. While it is important to address the global impact of the disease, we cannot ignore the growth of the epidemic here at home, especially among particular segments of society. Minorities are hardest hit by HIV and AIDS. They suffer from greater infection rates and are more likely to die from the disease.

The mistaken beliefs that cocktail drug therapies have cured the disease and that the AIDS crisis is now half a world away have obscured the reality that infections in the United States, especially among minorities, have continued to rise. For too long, we have closed our eyes and allowed the disease to plot its own course through our nation. Ignoring a problem does not make it disappear. We must re-examine and change our approach to reach the people in this country who are most at risk.

The fact that those hardest hit in the United States are not getting the same attention afforded to those in Africa is due to a lack of awareness among politicians and the media. This was demonstrated at the 2004 Vice Presidential debates when neither candidate was able to address the moderator's question about the impact of AIDS in African-American women, for whom it is the leading cause of death among those ages 25 to 34, according to the National Center for Health Statistics. The curtain shielding our leaders from the reality of AIDS in this country must be opened, and all of us must take action to reduce the risk of infection.

Tragically, the current infection rates speak volumes about how the battle against AIDS has failed minorities in the United States. In particular, African-Americans and Latinos are much more likely to be infected with HIV than non-Hispanic whites. Although African-Americans make up slightly less than 13 percent of the nation's population, they have accounted for 39 percent of the estimated AIDS cases since the beginning of the epidemic, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Men are being hit just as hard as women are, with AIDS also being the leading cause of death for African-American males ages 35 to 44.

Although the rate of AIDS is lower among Hispanics, many of them are becoming infected at a younger age. Thirty percent of Hispanic women and 23 percent of Hispanic men were under 30 when diagnosed, significantly younger than other groups, according to the California Office of AIDS. These grim numbers make it evident that current efforts to stop AIDS are not reaching everyone equally.

In order to slow HIV infection rates, we must change our methods of education and prevention, starting with examining the history and culture of the most affected groups and creating messages and programs that will resonate within those communities.

For example, many African-American women may be hesitant to have frank conversations with their boyfriends or husbands about their sexual history or inquire if they have ever used intravenous drugs. Because of cultural taboos against homosexuality, many African-American and Hispanic men who have sex with other men, known as living "on the down low," may keep it a secret, leaving other partners at risk. We cannot close our eyes to the amount of unprotected sex that occurs in the prison system--much of which is rape. And because African-American and Hispanic men make up a significant percentage of the prison population, they often become infected while they are incarcerated, and unwittingly pass that infection to their sexual partners when they are released. To stop AIDS in its tracks, we need to give men and women tools that can facilitate open communication with their partners and families.

Just as important as the right prevention message is culturally appropriate care. For example, we cannot assume that simply having a doctor who is trained to treat AIDS, a bilingual health professional or even one whose ethnicity matches that of the person seeking care is enough to persuade patients that they will be understood and treated within a familiar cultural and religious context. Our health professionals require cultural competence training in order to increase the chances that a relationship with patients can be established in health care systems that have not always been available to everyone. We need to address the fears and concerns of young adults and adolescents, who may react to information about AIDS differently from those older individuals, who may not see a doctor on a regular basis, and who may dislike the idea of "telling other people your business." The business today is about survival and learning that good health is not an option but a necessity.

On World AIDS Day, Dec. 1, we will mark a quarter century of the blight of AIDS in our country. Honest talk about sex in the context of the groups most affected is one way we can begin moving toward more successful prevention methods. We have to make the battle against AIDS on the home front just as important as the one overseas. ▼

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First Ever Transgender Health Hearing A Big Success

Assembly Select Committee Heard Testimony on Health Care Discrimination Faced by Transgender Californians

The California Assembly Select Committee on LGBT Families chaired by Assemblymember Mark Leno (D-San Francisco) held a first of its kind hearing in San Francisco on transgender health care issues. The hearing drew over 120 community members as the committee took testimony from healthcare professionals and individuals that had suffered from discriminatory treatment.

Equality California, California's statewide LGBT advocacy organization, was a participant at the hearing and is actively working on legislative and administrative solutions designed to end discrimination against transgender individuals in health care. "We've begun to address the long-standing discrimination suffered by transgender people in the access to and the provision of health care," said Geoffrey Kors, Executive Director of Equality California. "The community has demonstrated a strong desire to investigate these issues, and we are grateful to Assemblymember Leno for his leadership in providing this important educational forum."

Members of the transgender community spoke about their experiences with discrimination by insurers, care providers, and others. Many of them cited the need for increased cultural competency among the doctors and nurses. "As shown in our 2002 report, Trans Realities , health care equality is a core concern for transgender people and their families," said Chris Daley, Director of the Transgender Law Center. "This hearing was the first time that community members were able to share that concern directly with state officials. Coming out of the hearing, we are optimistic that California, as a state, will once again take a stand for full equality by directly confronting the many ways in which transgender people and their families are denied access to health care equality."

"According to many doctors and public health experts, transgender people are the single most medically under-served population in the state," said Shannon Minter, Legal Director for the National Center for Lesbian Rights. "The costs of that discrimination are immense, both for the individuals affected and for the public, which ends up footing the bill when transgender people are able to obtain care only in emergency rooms or public clinics. It is time that California addressed this issue, and we are grateful to Assemblymember Leno for his leadership in convening this important hearing."

The hearing was supported and promoted by Equality California, the Transgender Law Center, and the National Center for Lesbian Rights. ▼

Same-Sex Couples Must Be Treated Equally and Allowed To Marry

Same-sex couples must be allowed to marry in Washington State, according to a brief filed by Lambda Legal and the Northwest Women's Law Center at the state Supreme Court today. The brief asks the state's high court to uphold a ruling earlier this year that said the state's prohibition on same-sex couples marrying is a violation of the Washington Constitution.

In a historic ruling on August 4, King County Superior Court Judge William Downing said that the state Constitution guarantees basic rights to lesbian and gay people -- and that those rights are violated by a state law prohibiting same-sex couples from marrying. The ruling said the state Constitution requires same-sex couples to have equal access to marriage, and that the couples represented by Lambda Legal and the Northwest Women's Law Center must be given marriage licenses. One month later, a court in Thurston County ruled similarly. Both decisions were expedited to the Washington State Supreme Court, which will hear arguments in both cases on March 8.

In August's ruling, Judge Downing called the eight couples represented by Lambda Legal and the Northwest Women's Law Center "law-abiding, taxpaying model citizens," and said, "There is no worthwhile institution that they would dishonor, much less destroy." In the ruling, Downing also said, "The characteristics embodied by these plaintiffs are ones that our society and the institution of marriage need more of, not less. Let the plaintiffs stand as inspirations for all those citizens, homosexual and heterosexual, who may follow their path."

Pizer played a key role in two major legal victories for same-sex couples at the Washington Supreme Court in 2001 and said the court has a track record of treating same-sex couples equally under the law. "In recent years, we've seen that Washington courts are very serious about their duty to carefully consider cases and give everyone a fair hearing. Our clients are asking for full marriage -- nothing more, nothing less -- and we're looking forward to presenting a compelling case at the Washington Supreme Court," Pizer said.

Lambda Legal and the Northwest Women's Law Center filed the lawsuit in March on behalf of same-sex couples who were denied marriage licenses in King County, arguing that denying marriage to same-sex couples violates the state Constitution's guarantees of equality, liberty and privacy for all Washingtonians. The case was the first of its kind to be filed in Washington since the Massachusetts high court ruled that same-sex couples are entitled to full marriage under that state's Constitution.

In addition to its case in Washington, Lambda Legal is also currently litigating marriage cases in New Jersey, New York, and California. (Lambda Legal is working on the California case with the ACLU, National Center for Lesbian Rights and Equality California.) ▼

Fiesta Navidad Brings Traditional Mexican Christmas Celebration to Mondavi Center

The exciting and colorful Christmas traditions of Mexico will come to the Robert and Margrit Mondavi Center for the Performing Arts at UC Davis this holiday season with Fiesta Navidad. The passionately beautiful Mexican celebration, featuring the joyous music of Mariachi Los Camperos de Nati Cano and the vivid pageantry of Ballet Folklórico Ollin, will include a traditional Fiesta de La Posada procession as well as an exuberant sing-along of holiday carols and Christmas songs.

The event will begin at 8 pm on Friday, December 10, 2004, in Mondavi Center's Jackson Hall on the UC Davis campus. Tickets are available from the Mondavi Center Ticket Office at 530.754.ARTS (2787) or online at MondaviArts.org. The event is presented as part of Mondavi Center's Java City Global Beat series.

The performance will be a vibrant representation of the spirited holiday traditions of Mexico, which in December is filled with a myriad of regional fiestas. Some of these trace their roots to the customs of native Indians, which later blended with Christian rituals to form popular traditions throughout Mexico. The best-known example, presented in this concert, is the Fiesta de La Posada. Originally created in the 16th Century as a liturgical event to celebrate the pilgrimage of Joseph and Mary to Bethlehem, La Posada has continued to grow and change over the centuries, adapted in each region of the country to local musical styles and dance traditions.

The musical journey of Fiesta Navidad begins with the traditional petition for lodging, and progresses through the breaking of the piñata to the performance of popular regional songs of Michoacan, Jalisco, and Vera Cruz. Colorful dances by Ballet Folklórico Ollin are also presented. The performance closes with a sing-along to mariachi versions of well-known Christmas carols such as "Noche de Paz" ("Silent Night"), "Campanitas" ("Jingle Bells"), and "Aqui Viene Santa Claus" ("Here Comes Santa Claus").

Widely considered the world's preeminent mariachi band, Mariachi Los Camperos de Nati Cano has appeared on The Tonight Show and Grammy Awards broadcasts, and has performed and recorded with Linda Ronstadt, Aaron Neville, and many others. Led since its founding more than 40 years ago by Natividad "Nati" Cano, the group has both mirrored and shaped the history of mariachi music. Noted for accomplished musical arrangements that highlight the individual skills and voices of the players, the ensemble features musicians from Mexico and the U.S., and was one of four mariachi groups that collaborated on Linda Rondstadt's acclaimed recordings Canciones de Mi Padre and Mas Canciones. Mariachi Los Camperos has recorded 10 albums including Puro Mariachi (Indigo Records, 1961); North of the Border (RCA/Carino Records, 1965); El Super Mariachi, Los Camperos (Latin International, 1968); Valses de Amor (La Fonda Records, 1973); Canciones de Siempre (PolyGram Latino, 1993); Sounds of Mariachi (Delfin Records, 1996) and Fiesta Navidad (Delfin Records, 1997); Viva el Mariachi (Smithsonian Folkways Recordings, 2003); and Llegaron Los Camperos (Delfin Records, 2004). ▼

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BY STEFAN GRUENWEDEL
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Laura Linney and **Liam Neeson** consult with a doctor about their sex lives in KINSEY.

Sideways

Starring Liam Neeson, Laura Linney, Chris O'Donnell, Peter Sarsgaard, Timothy Hutton.
Directed by Bill Condon.
(Rated R, 120 min.)

Sex Talk

In the wake of President Bush's election sweep through the country's "heartland" and subsequent self-proclaimed mandate to address voters' apparent overriding concern for "morals" in America, it should not come as a complete shock that the Texas Board of Education is pushing abstinence-only textbooks in its sex-ed classrooms. Never mind that the abortion rate actually rose during Bush's first term—reversing a 24-year downward trend—it seems that the emboldened theocracy seeks to hurl America's attitudes towards sex and reproductive freedoms back half a century to a presumably more blessed time when ignorance reigned supreme.

Bill Condon's *Kinsey* comes at an opportune time in today's political climate. This biopic about the world-famous sex researcher **Alfred Kinsey** both educates and entertains as it delves into what drove him in the 1940s to spend a career interviewing ordinary people about their very personal sex lives. As a result of his search for the truth about how people viewed themselves as sexual beings—until then a completely ignored, unknown subject—his published results, "Sexual Behavior in the Human Male," became a phenomenal bestseller that stunned the country, especially the arbiters of morality at the time.

Kinsey is not just about the man himself. It's also about America's fitful sexual awakening two decades before the onset of the sexual revolution in the sixties. *Kinsey* packs much into two hours but it covers what's important with only occasional forays into throwaway sentimentality.

Liam Neeson tackles the role of Kinsey with his usual fervor, lending it the air of authority that the real man presumably possessed. **Laura Linney** is excellent too as his conflicted but ultimately supportive wife. Although they make a great couple, the actors' 12-year age difference is hard to dismiss onscreen. Neeson looks ridiculous as a college student and later as a young professor wooing student Linney. (If they really had to go with a Brit in the lead role, **Ralph Fiennes** would have been a more convincing choice.)

Kinsey did not work alone. He had a small but loyal group of fellow researchers (played by **Chris O'Donnell**, **Peter Sarsgaard**, and **Timothy Hutton**) who perfected their interview techniques so as not to intimidate those being interviewed, as well as not to register emotion at some of the more salacious details they heard.

With an unabashed sexual frankness that will tickle and surprise moviegoers, *Kinsey* is at its best and most poignant when it focuses on the personal tragedies of specific individuals, revealing them as a microcosm of what's wrong with America. For example, the miserable fate of (naturally closeted) gay men speaks to the ingrained homophobia in this country that's displayed so shamelessly even today; and women's ignorance about their bodies' reproductive systems, not to mention the way they throw around the word "frigid" to explain their normal anxieties about sex, speaks volumes about how male-dominated society fears powerful, sexually liberated women. **Lynn Redgrave**'s cameo near the end of the movie hits both of these themes head on. It is terrific.

The film is less wonderful, however, when it wanders into standard biopic territory. For example, we probably see too much of Kinsey's strained relationship with his conservative, religious father.

Kinsey turns the table on the scientist-interviewer by questioning him at the film's beginning and end about his own sexuality. His is shown to wander into bisexuality when we see the researcher played by Sarsgaard lure him successfully to bed. Kinsey comes across as a difficult man, yet committed to his work and the promise of science. He rails at "morality masquerading as facts" (a quip that holds true today) and he severely tests the limits of his colleagues' devotion to science by encouraging partner-swapping among them.

Kinsey is a fascinating portrait of a time that seems laughably repressed by contemporary standards yet bears chilling resemblance to America today. The film makes it clear that knowledge is power and often there are forces at work bent on restricting that knowledge, not necessarily for one's own good but to exert control over our lives. In *Kinsey,* love may remain a mystery but sex is definitely knowable.

Kinsey plays at Century Stadium 14 in Sacramento and United Artists Olympus Pointe Stadium 12 in Roseville. Info: *www.foxsearchlight.com/kinsey*. ▼

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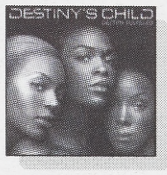

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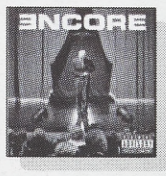

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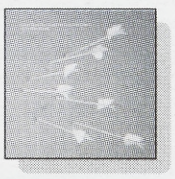

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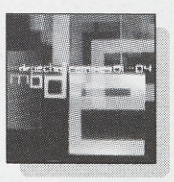

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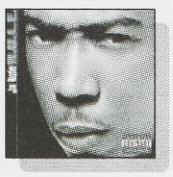

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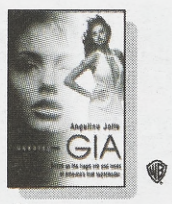

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NBA Jox Box-This NBA player version of the classic "Jack-in-the-Box" springs up just in time for the holidays with such favorite NBA superstars as LeBron James, Yao Ming, Kevin Garnett, Paul Pierce, Carmelo Anthony and Jason Kidd.

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Trading Cards-Basketball fans can get the game in their hands with NBA trading cards.

For more information on NBA merchandise please visit or call the NBA Store in New York City (877-NBA-0206), log onto the NBA Store on NBA.com or visit your local retailer.

Professional Football Players Team Up To Help Disadvantaged Children

A number of professional football players have teamed up to help some disadvantaged children live healthier, happier lives.

The initiative, called Native Vision, is a youth enrichment and empowerment program for American Indian children. American Indians living on reservations in North America suffer from the poorest health, socioeconomic and educational status of any ethnic or racial group in the United States. Native Vision's goal is to ensure a brighter future for American Indians by focusing on healthy lifestyles for youth and families. For the nine years in partnership, the NFL Players Association has brought together NFL players to teach sports and life skills along with facilitators from Johns Hopkins Center for American Indian Health who provide health education at a year-round program and camp for American Indian kids. More than 500 youth from 25 tribes, 40 professional athletes and 1,500 Native community members attend the camp each year.

The program was designed by Johns Hopkins and the NFL Players Association to cultivate the core strengths and values held by many in the American Indian culture. It also helps encourage the formation of positive relationships within the community.

"Our partnership with Johns Hopkins brings awareness to help improve the health and future of American Indian youth. We hope others join us in the fight to educate and inspire American Indian young people to reach their goals in life through mentorship," says Gene Upshaw, Executive Director, NFL Players Association.

The Players Association raises money for Native Vision through events such as the annual "Evening with the Stars." The celebrity dinner brings together football greats from past and present and features a silent auction of one-of-a-kind Super Bowl and Pro Bowl packages.

The evening is one of a number of efforts associated with the NFLPA. The group was started in 1956 as a collective bargaining agent for players in the NFL. It negotiates salaries, working conditions and salary caps, among other things. Today, it also backs a number of community efforts and causes across the country.

Info: www.nativevision.org.

2005 American Kennel Club National Championship

Will it be the wiry whippet or the bulky bulldog? Maybe the tiny terrier or the mighty mastiff? Anything can happen when the world's most competitive and coiffed canines compete for the crown at the 2005 American Kennel Club (AKC)/Eukanuba National Championship, Jan. 15 and 16. This renowned international event, featuring a slate of 1,500 of the finest dogs from around the world, will be televised live by Animal Planet and the Discovery Channel, starting at 8 p.m. both nights.

Dog lovers across the country are expected to watch the live event in record numbers. In fact, according to a recent survey by AKC and Iams, 88 percent of dog owners are more likely to watch a dog show on TV today versus just 10 years ago. Last year's event was the highest rated dog show in Animal Planet history.

While dog shows were once considered unusual TV programming, America's love for their four-footed friends has led to increased interest in watching dog shows and sky-rocketed their popularity. According to the survey, dog owners are 10 times more likely to watch a dog show on TV over other unique sports, such as bull riding and billiards.

The AKC/Eukanuba National Championship is the largest prize money dog show in the world, with cash and prizes totaling more than $225,000 to be awarded. The National Champion -the "Best in Show" winner-will win $50,000.

But, competition is fierce. To receive an invitation to the 2005 National Championship, dogs must be ranked in the top 25 of their breed, according to competition in AKC dog shows from the past year. Any dog receiving an all-breed "Best in Show" at an AKC show held during the qualifying period also receives an invitation.

The top-ranked dog in each AKC-registered breed is invited from over 60 countries around the world. Dogs from Asia, Europe and South America are expected to compete, making this an event of international proportions.

The international canine competition on Animal Planet or the Discovery Channel offers a place to catch all the action and cheer for your favorite four-footed friends. The finest dogs from around the world will soon compete for "Best in Show." ▼

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People may not realize it, but dogs experience the world nose-first, relying on their sense of smell to interpret their environment," said Dr. Alan Hirsch, the founder of the Smell and Taste Treatment and Research Foundation and faculty member at Rush-Presbyterian-St. Luke's Medical Center in Chicago. "As a result, food aroma has a profound effect on your dog's appetite, as well as his emotions and ultimately his health and well-being."

According to Dr. Hirsch, aromas have a dramatic impact on one's enjoyment of food, primarily because 90 percent of taste is actually attributed to our sense of smell. The same holds true for our canine friends.

Hirsch stresses the important role that smell plays in keeping dogs well nourished, noting the direct link between taste and appetite.

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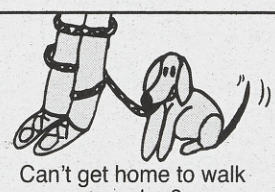

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Come Eat Me!

Hey, who could resist an offer like that? "Come eat me". That's what it says on the backs of the black t-shirts the guys behind the sushi counter wear at the newly opened Wow Sushi. I assume they mean the food, although a couple of the spiky haired, fit and trim young cuties looked good enough to nibble.

I went to Wow Sushi because I saw an ad for the Grand Opening, and remembered when 1453 Howe Avenue used to house the Japanese restaurant Yokohama. The thought of Yokohama brought back fond memories for me. It was the place my parents took me from the time I was a mere child. I was vaguely resentful that they had closed shop on me, and was willing to take it out on the new guys in town. If Wow Sushi thought they could replace Yokohama in my heart, then they were going to have to tickle my picky little taste buds just right. The inside of the place was roomier than it used to be, having been remodeled into a sleek, artfully decorated dining area with a stainless steel sushi bar, comfortable booths and overhead fans. It was a very nice improvement, I grudgingly acknowledged. A feeling of airiness, yet still intimate enough for a quiet conversation with friends or companion, if you didn't mind the occasional laughter from the sushi bar, where a very charming chef held his audience in thrall.

I critically eyed the delightfully extensive menu, which we kept even after we ordered, because it was so much fun to read. Wow Sushi had all of our favorites, and an excellent selection of traditional and originally created Wow Sushi Special Rolls, such as the Arden Roll, the Active Volcano Roll, and the Monarch Roll, all of which sounded quite good. To tide us over till the food arrived, we ordered the Sunomono, a bowl of crisp, thinly sliced cucumbers marinated in sweet rice vinegar, but found the dish lacking, tasting more of harsh white vinegar than the mellow, seasoned rice vinegar I was accustomed to and loved. However, while the Sunomono didn't turn me on, everything else did. The soothing Miso Soup that followed put me in a more receptive mood.

We ordered the Shrimp Tempura Appetizer and the Spicy Tuna Hand Roll to start, and both were very good. The Spicy Tuna Hand Roll was the best that Cher, a spicy tuna freak, had ever had, and I had to concur. The Shrimp Tempura Appetizer was so good that for the first time ever I left the plate empty and wished for more of the tempting dish, a lovely array of 2 fat and tender shrimp, thinly sliced sweet potato, onion, broccoli and Japanese eggplant, crisply fried in a light, very lacy batter. I even ate the crumbs, carbs be damned! The tempting menu had its way with us. We ordered the Damino Roll and the McHenry roll. For an entrée we decided to share the Chicken Teriyaki. The Damino Roll; lobster tempura, snow crab, cream cheese, lemon, avocado, salmon, 3 special sauces, seared tuna steak, chives and tobiko, was most impressively displayed in the shape of a lobster, with the very luscious, very fresh and tasty seared tuna steak fanned out to form the tail. Everything was generously scattered with tobiko and nestled in a lovely bed of colorfully applied and equally flavorful "three special sauces".

The McHenry Roll was also a work of art; stuffed with seared and spicy tunas, crab, cream cheese, avocado, special sauces, chives and sprinkled with tobiko. I wish I'd taken a camera. The Teriyaki Chicken was also a real pleaser; two plump, grilled, skinless chicken breasts drizzled with teriyaki sauce and served with steamed rice and a spring salad topped with a yummy creamy Asian dressing. Even without the usual guilty pleasure of a crisp, seared skin on the chicken breast, the meat was tender and moist; with nice grill marks, done to perfection, but not beyond.

Aside from the less than perfect Sunomono, the cuisine was delectable and gorgeous. Even the rice was perfect; right down to it's sprinkling of black sesame seeds. The atmosphere, service and prices were all very satisfying. We left feeling quite content, I must admit. Sayonara, Yokohama. Suddenly I don't miss you at all. Change is good! Wow Sushi definitely lives up to their name. ▼

Wow Sushi is open for lunch Monday through Friday 11:00 AM-2: 00 PM, and for dinner from Sunday through Thursday from 5:00 to 9:00 PM, staying open Fridays and Saturdays until 10:00 PM. They offer Bento Plates, reasonably priced lunch specials, Vegetarian Delights, Udon, Gourmet Boats, Nigiri and over forty varieties of Wow Sushi Special Rolls. Located next to Tony Roma's, at 1453 Howe Avenue, they can have your order ready for pickup when you call them at (916) 649-1333 or fax them at (916) 649-1331.

Old Neighborhood Deja Vu

If you're looking for a good, no frills place to get a really tasty crepe, or just "hang" as the real you, Red Square Crepes is the way to go. A hole-in-the-wall situated on the east side of Alhambra Boulevard between L and K Streets, Red Square Crepes has an artsy Little Havana/Greenwich Village feel, complete with original artwork for sale on the walls, a brick and earth color décor, and colorful flyers of local band performances plastering the front window and corkboard. It ain't fancy, but it's real. It's the kind of place you remember with longing when you smell fresh ground coffee, and think about the good old days when you still made time for life's little pleasures, the best kind.

With just five tiny tables inside and one or two squeezed onto the narrow sidewalk out front, it's not a place to meet the crowd or to "see and be seen", but it is the perfect spot for a laid back Sunday brunch or after work nosh with two or three of your closest friends. With an unbleached cotton and Birkenstocks atmosphere, and soft Cuban rhythms playing in the background, it's kind of a "hang out and drink espresso over the local news" kind of place.

The comestibles are good. Besides the excellent crepes, you can get some yummy nonfat frozen yogurt, and if you want a little juice in your goose, you can try a large iced mocha, an Italian soda, or an Oregon Chai, for about three bucks a pop. The crepes are worth going back for, and I have. Not fancy or even garnished, the golden browned healthy sized fat squares fill up the plate, at a price you can't afford to miss. The No.2 is very tasty. Stuffed with fresh spinach, thick slices of mushrooms and olives, and lots of Swiss and mozzarella cheeses, it was more than I could eat. The thoroughly satisfying No. 4 was filled with smoked turkey, juicy mushrooms, cheddar and mozzarella. You can add pesto for only fifty cents.

I didn't miss a garnish, nor did I have room for it. However, if you feel the need to add a little color to the package, you can get a side salad of mixed greens, cherry tomatoes, croutons, grated Parmesan and garlic vinaigrette for only $1.50 more. If the salad alone sounds good, you can get a half order for $2.50 or a full order for $4.50, and get either topped with grilled chicken for only a buck more. If it's protein you want, you can get a side of cottage cheese or frozen yogurt with your crepe for only one paper dollar. Good food, good prices.

If you are looking for something a little sweeter, go for the dessert crepes. Crammed with various goodies such as fresh berries, cream cheese, cinnamon apples and golden raisons, preserves and Nutella, they really hit the sweet spot. Or try the No. 14: Maranatha Peanut Butter, fresh banana, and Ghiradelli chocolate. My favorite, being somewhat of a purist, is the No. 8, with freshly squeezed lemon juice and a sprinkling of powdered sugar. It may be habit forming, but its one habit you'll be glad you have. The staff is friendly and ultra casual, and you can watch as your crepe is being prepared. The prices are very reasonable, you can come as you are, and they'll box it to go if you like. Open from 9am till 10pm daily, they don't take plastic but cash and checks will get you what you came for, time after time. ▼

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It's that Oyster Time of Year

Oysters aren't furry, they aren't cute, and they don't make very good pets, but it doesn't mean one can't get ardently attached to them. Oft maligned and misunderstood, some people still don't know that you can safely eat oysters all year round, that they are reportedly very effective aphrodisiacs (one bumper sticker says "FORGET VIAGRA! EAT OYSTERS"), and that they are rich in minerals, not to mention flavor. Oysters even have something in common with some folk, in that they have been known to change their sex one or more times during their life cycle.

Oyster aficionados can be very passionate about this Food of Kings and Lovers, enjoying them smoked, barbequed, from a jar, in a Poor boy, raw on the half-shell or more often this time of year, in a hearty Oyster Stew or Oyster Stuffing. If you haven't tried them every which way, this is the time of year to do so, as they are reasonably priced and freshly restocked when people quickly snatch them up to include in their holiday menus. Here are a few recipes that bring out the best qualities an oyster can offer, aside from being happily slurped down raw with a squeeze of lemon and a dash of Tabasco! Real wo/men chew!

Traditional Oyster Dressing

1-cup butter
2 cups chopped celery
1 cup chopped sweet yellow onion
1 tsp. each of sage, thyme and salt
1 tsp. Freshly ground pepper
1 pint oysters, drained and chopped
about 1 cup chicken or turkey broth
2 medium eggs, beaten

1 pound loaf of 2-day-old whole grain bread, cubed (or substitute your favorite day old or bagged, good quality bread cubes). Preheat oven to 325. Coat a 15x11x2-inch baking pan with cooking spray. Melt butter in a saucepan over medium heat, then add the veggies and sauté till tender. Stir in everything but the bread. Put bread cubes in a large bowl and pour the wet stuff on top, then toss it good. Add extra broth if you like it more moist. Spread it loosely in the baking pan, cover with foil and bake for 2 hours, removing foil during the last 25 minutes so the surface can get crispy. Makes 12 servings.

Oyster Stew

2 tbls. Butter
2 cups raw oysters in their juice
Dash Worcestershire, optional
2 cups diced cooked potatoes
4 cups heavy cream
salt and pepper to taste

Heat butter in large Saucepan. Add oysters and stir over medium heat till edges start to curl. Lift out with slotted spoon. Add potatoes and warm. Add Worcestershire and cream to oyster juice, and heat to serving temperature. Add oysters and season to taste with salt and pepper. Serve garnished with additional butter if desired, or crumbled bacon and a sprinkling of chopped scallions. Makes 8 cups.

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HIV NEWSLINE

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World AIDS Day...

Women, Girls, HIV and AIDS is the theme of 2004 World AIDS Day. The goal of the coming year's campaign is to reduce the vulnerability of girls and women to HIV and AIDS.

Two decades into the epidemic, there are 37 million adults and 2 million children living with HIV. During the past year, nearly 5 million people worldwide became newly infected with the virus. Half of them are infected before they are 25 and die before they are 35.

Ninety five percent of people with AIDS and HIV live in the developing world. Women now comprise nearly half of the adults living with HIV worldwide, and during the past two years, the number of HIV-infected women has risen in every region of the world. More than 15 million children around the world have lost one or both parents to AIDS.

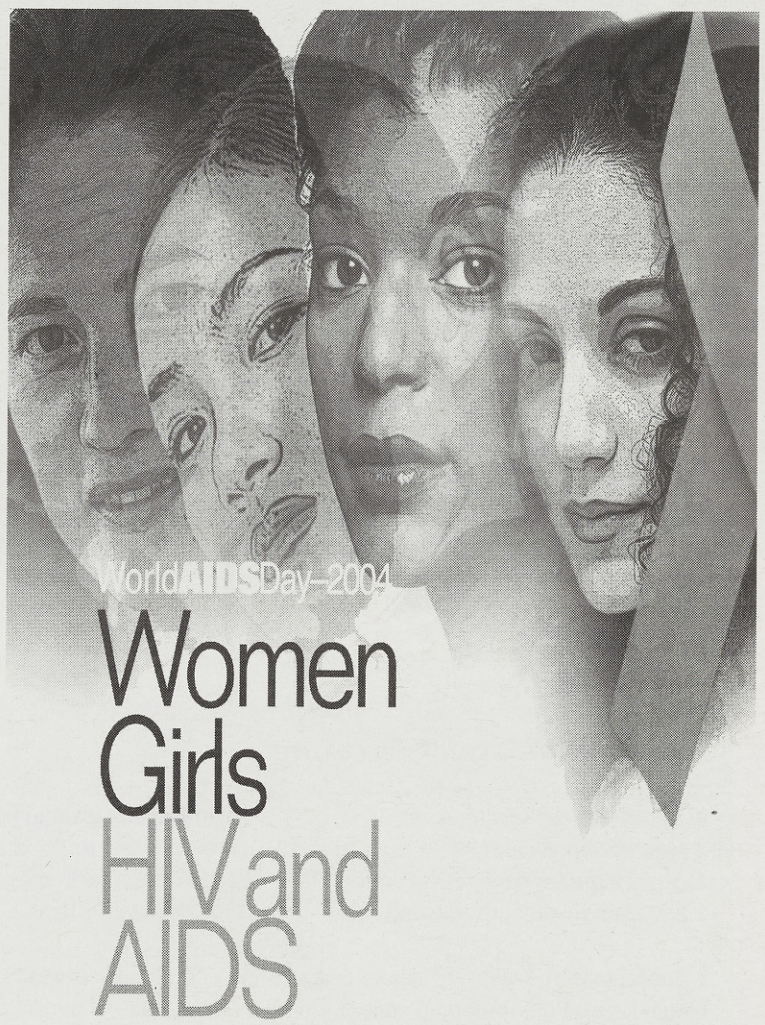
East Asia has the highest increase, 56 percent, followed by Eastern Europe and Central Asia with 48 percent. In southern Africa, HIV prevalence among pregnant women jumped from 5 percent in 1990 to more than 25 percent this year. Approximately 11 million people in the nine countries that make up southern Africa have HIV or AIDS, representing almost 30 percent of the global number of people living with HIV in an area where only two percent of the world's total population resides.

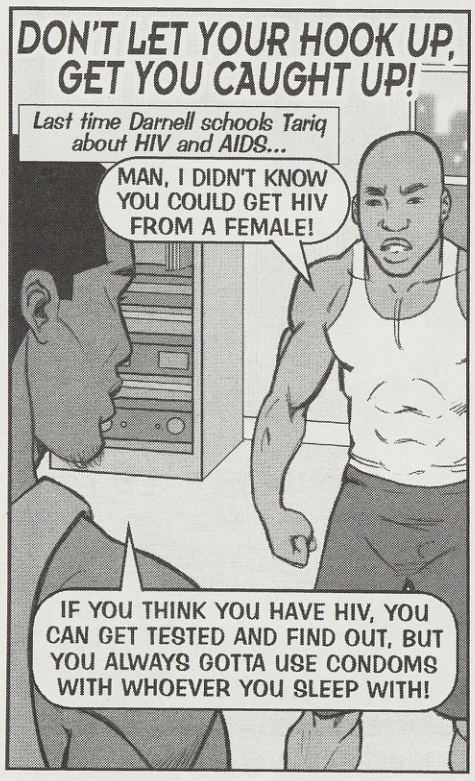
In the past two years, the number of HIV-infected Asians has increased by 1 million. Most new infections in Asia occur when men buy sex, and up to 10 percent of Asian men pay for sex. Many sex workers continue to work without condoms because clients will pay a higher price for unprotected sex. In Jakarta, fewer than 20 percent of sex workers in massage parlors use condoms. IV drug use is the second-largest contributor in Asia's spread of HIV and AIDS.

The number of new cases in Singapore has been doubling every three to four years. Despite this terrible escalation of the epidemic, Singapore officials say they will not promote condom use out of respect for residents with conservative views on sexual behavior. Apparently repulsed by the word "condom," the senior minister for health says, "To educate people, you don't have to be offensive."

Most HIV infections now come from heterosexual sex. Most women infected with HIV caught the virus from a husband or partner. And so World AIDS Day 2004 focuses on women. Mother to child transmission of HIV accounted for 90 percent of all babies infected last year. A drug is cheaply available to greatly reduce the chances of this occurring, but it fails to be provided to many women around the world. HIV can also be transmitted by breast milk, which is easily substituted by artificial alternatives ^^ also, often unavailable.

Sexual violence is an issue affecting women everywhere in the world. Discrimination is another issue which has affected women for many decades. It can impact their job prospects, their economic and social position, and their access to healthcare and education. ▼

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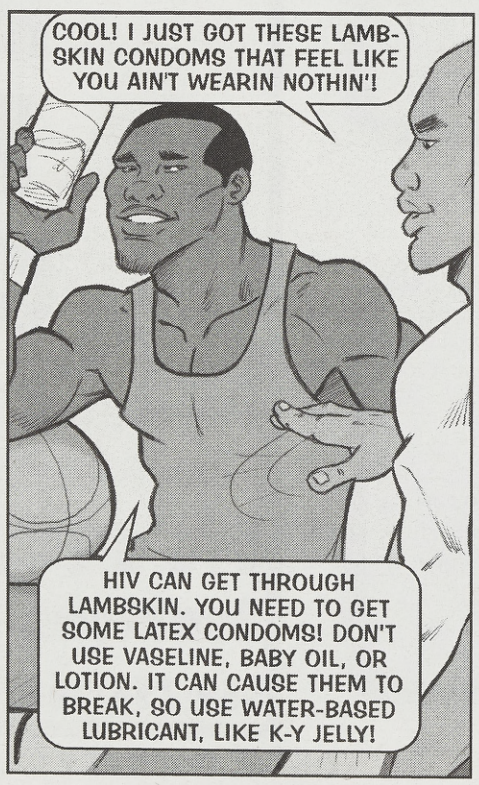
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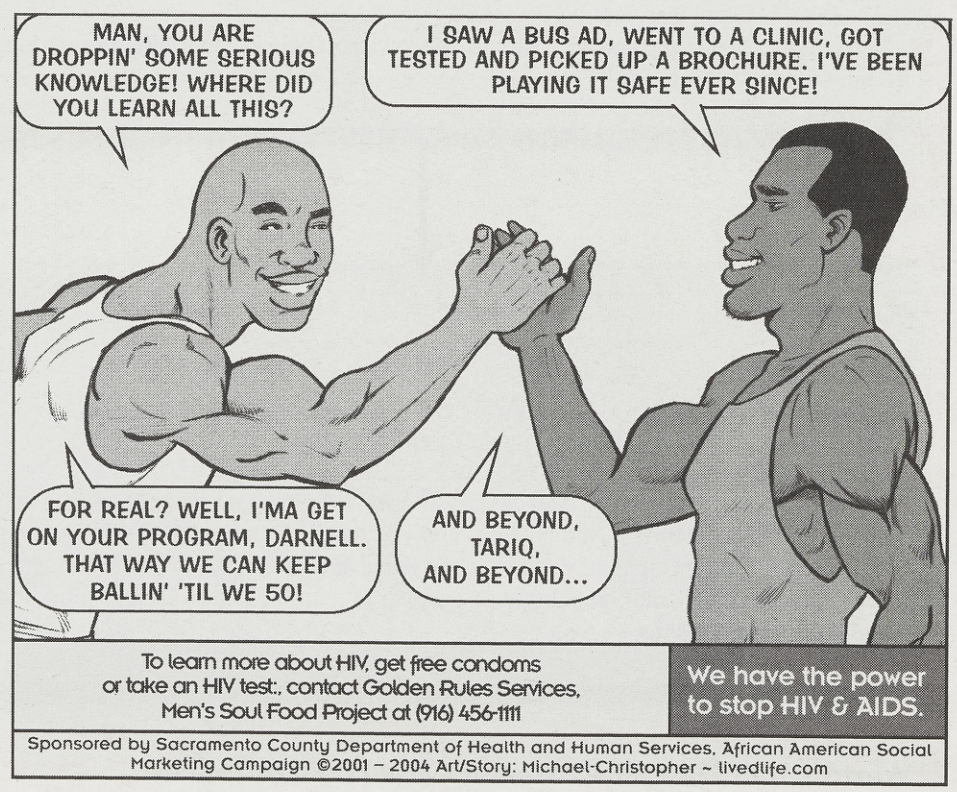
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African Leaders Push To Combat World's 3 Deadliest Diseases

The presidents of Kenya, Rwanda, Tanzania and Uganda urged the directors of the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, TB and Malaria to continue to provide grant money to help the world's poorest nations combat these three deadly diseases.

US officials, not surprisingly, have been lobbying for the fund to suspend the next funding round until other donor countries pay a larger share. The Bush administration has cut US contributions to the Global Fund from $546 million in 2004 to $200 million in 2005. "I earnestly appeal to all donor governments, international organizations and private donors to show practical support to Africa by raising the resources necessary to fund existing grants and launch new funding rounds," said the Tanzanian President.

"Meeting in Africa for the first time and not deciding to launch a new funding round will be difficult for Africans to understand," he said. "This is a humanitarian war of international nature." The Washington-based Global AIDS Alliance said the US cuts would cripple the fund even though President Bush named AIDS one of his six top priorities for his second term. Health and Human Services Secretary Tommy Thompson said the administration is not against a new funding round, but wants other donors to make firm financial commitments. ▼

Call For Antibiotic For HIV Children

All HIV-infected children in developing countries should be treated with the low-cost antibiotic co-trimoxazole to reduce deaths by preventing opportunistic infections such as pneumonia or TB, says a lead physician on Britain's Medical Research Council.

In a study in Zambia, researchers gave 541 HIV-positive children, aged 1 to 14, a daily dose of co-trimoxazole. The dosage cut nearly in half the death rate in those taking the drug compared to those who were given a placebo. The study was stopped early because it was so successful. The lead researcher said the study results indicate that all children in Africa, and in other resource-limited settings where there are a lot of infections for children, should receive co-trimoxazole regardless of their age or CD4 count.

"Co-trimoxazole is certainly something that could have an impact on their quality of life, hospital admissions and mortality," said the scientists. The drug would cost about $10 a year for each child, they said. "Nutritional support and co-trimoxazole could definitely have an impact while waiting to see if anti-retrovirals can be rolled out." ▼

Joint HIV Detection Campaign Launched

The US Department of Health & Human Services and the Advertising Council have partnered to launch a national public service ad campaign to encourage African-American men to get tested for HIV. One in 50 African-American men are HIV-positive, experts estimate. Of new AIDS cases among teens, 67 percent are African-American. AIDS is now one of the top three causes of death for African Americans ages 25-54. The two new TV ads discuss the importance of being tested, and encourage viewers to learn their HIV status, as this knowledge is the first step in fighting the spread of the disease.

The ads are being distributed to 1,600 TV stations nationwide for airing in donated time slots. Viewers are invited to telephone 800-342-AIDS to learn more about HIV prevention, testing and treatment. ▼

MAC Cosmetics Continues Its Outstanding Support

MAC Cosmetics, launched 20 years ago, has thus far raised $40 million for its MAC AIDS Fund in the past 10 years through sales of its Viva Glam lipstick. The funds raised are not used for awareness or research, but rather to assist charities that provide such essential support as food, shelter and medicine, with a special emphasis on children, said the fund's executive director.

MAC's Kids Helping Kids cards -- holiday greetings created by youngsters affected by HIV or AIDS -- have raised more than $1 million. In addition, MAC's three-year-old Good Spirits program helps women undergoing HIV or AIDS treatments look their best. ▼

"Wild Thing" Viagra Ads Pulled

Pfizer Inc. has begun the process of pulling two TV ads for Viagra in response to Food & Drug Administration officials who said the "wild thing" ads make unsubstantiated claims that the drug causes a return of sexual desire. The FDA said the 30- and 15-second ads also neglected to mention major side effects of the drug and why some individuals should not take it.

FDA said the ads -- with a voice-over including such statements as "Remember that guy who used to be called 'wild thing?... He's back" -- do not mention erectile dysfunction, the specific condition that Viagra addresses.

They said Pfizer implies that the man in the ad had experienced a return to prior levels of sexual desire and activity. FDA says there is no clinical evidence that this is also a benefit of Viagra, but that if there is, Pfizer has until the end of November to respond with written documentation to FDA. ▼

AIDS Awareness Test Now Part Of Indian Driver's Exam

An AIDS awareness test is now part of the driver's license exam in southern Madurai city, New Delhi television stations recently reported. The Regional Transport Office, which issues licenses in Madurai, will show a video about AIDS, and those applying for a license must pass a test based on the video.

"All youngsters have two wheelers and four wheelers, and they come to the RTO office to get their licenses. If [an AIDS information class] is conducted, it will help increase awareness and prevent them from having unsafe sex," said the project coordinator. Government officials said the project would soon be expanded to the rest of the state. ▼

New Web Page For HIV Drug Deliberations

A new FDA Web site consolidates reports from HIV/AIDS-related advisory committee meetings related to drugs, medical devices, etc. The site lists past advisory committee meetings dating back to1996, and will be updated to include records of future meetings. Most records include the meeting announcement, committee rosters, briefing materials and transcripts.

Visit www. fda.gov/oashi/aids/advisorycom.html. ▼

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Rainbow Chamber of Commerce, 551-3832
Sacramento Area Rainbow Families, 863-0852
Sacramento Area Women's Community Network,
451-8034, sacwn.com
Sacramento Arts & Games Association,
451-8663
SAC LEGAL, geocities.com/WestHollywood/Park/3103
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564-1790, sacramentovalleypozabilities@yahoo.com
Sexual Compulsives Anonymous,
424-0967, sca-recovery.org
Sisters of Scota Women's Motorcycle Club,
725-9467, sgmn.org Pollack Pines, 530-644-8248
Valley Knights Motorcycle Club, 455-6540

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DGW Magazine
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Rick Corby, 2998 Douglas Blvd. Ste. 105, 787-1429

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California Job Journal
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2631 A Riverside Blvd., 447-0393
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209-951-3697, labrescue.org

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1735 Arden Way, 927-0377
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65 University Ave., 922-6334
Sacramento Brew Pub
Town & Country Village, 485-4677

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Sacramento Police Dept.: sacpd.org
Sacramento Maps: citymaps.sacto.org

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WIND Center For Homeless Teens
300 Ahern St., 443-1386

SIGNS

Sign-A-Rama
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418 Alhambra Blvd., 443-7171
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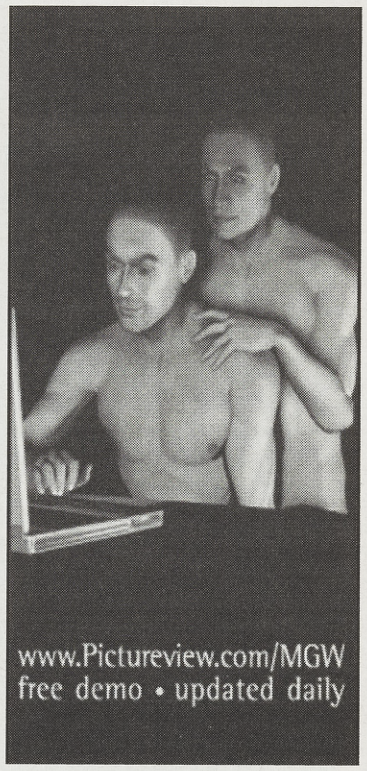

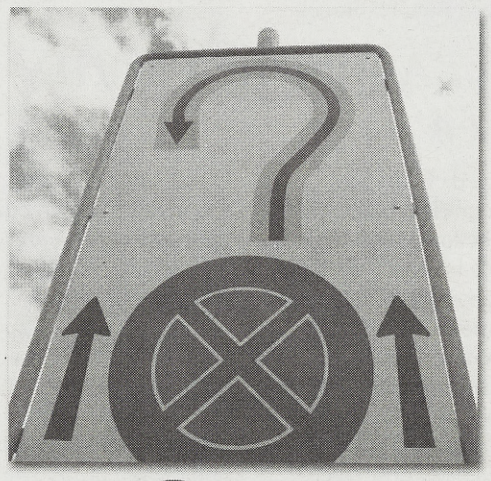

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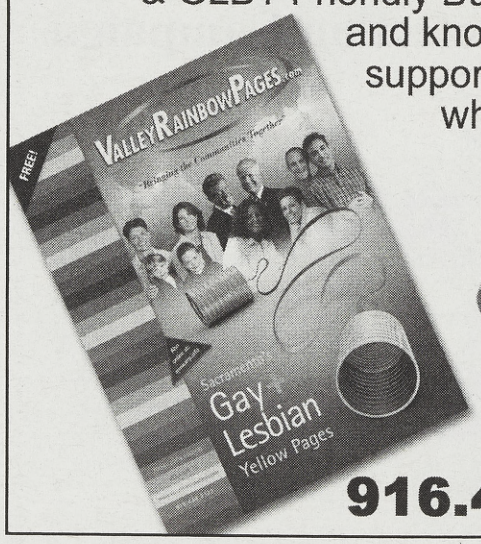

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St. Rose of Lima Park, 7th & K St
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2 THURSDAY

Coming Out Group
Wyndancse Womyn's Center
7pm, 973-2838, ext. 247
Ballroom Dance Class
La Sierra Community Center,
Sierra Rooms 1 & 2, 8-9pm, 485-5322
Leather 101
Sacramento Valley Leatherman
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3 FRIDAY

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sacmenschorus.org
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4 SATURDAY

Bare Chest Calendar Men
The Bolt, 9pm
649-8420
Stonewall Democrat Meeting
Sate Capitol, 359-1040
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8pm, Pioneer Church
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Phoenix Gallery, 6-9pm
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Sacramento Valley Leatherman Pancake Breakfast
Faces, 10am-1pm
486-5500
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Sacramento Mens Chorus
4pm, Pioneer Church
sacmenschorus.org
Sacramento Blues Society 25th Anniversary
Red Lion, Martinique Ballroom
2-8pm, 922-6746

6 MONDAY

Holiday Ice Rink
St. Rose of Lima Park, 7th & K St
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7 TUESDAY

Holiday Ice Rink
St. Rose of Lima Park, 7th & K St
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Yoga
La Sierra Community Center,
Sierra Rooms 1 & 2, 7-8:30pm,
485-5322

8 WEDNESDAY

Babysitting Safety
Carmichael Park, 5-8:30pm, 485-5322
Lambda Community Center Christmas Gala
Wisteria Hall, 6-9pm
442-0185

9 THURSDAY

Coming Out Group
Wyndancse Womyn's Center
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Holiday Ice Rink
St. Rose of Lima Park, 7th & K St
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La Sierra Community Center, Sierra
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11 SATURDAY

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Holiday Ice Rink
St. Rose of Lima Park, 7th & K St
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12 SUNDAY

Holiday Ice Rink
St. Rose of Lima Park, 7th & K St
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13 MONDAY

Monday Night Skate
Corner of 3rd & S, Downtown
Sacramento, 7pm, 447-8288
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Sierra Rooms 1 & 2, 7-8:30pm,
485-5322
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Art Galleries

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911 20th St., 930-0500,
www.20thstart.com
BAMPFA
2625 Durant Avenue #2250,
Berkely, 510-642-0808
Chroma Gallery
10030 Fair Oaks Blvd., Fair Oaks, 966-6020
www.thechromagallery.com
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216 O Street,
www.crockerartmuseum.org
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924 12th St., 442-8424
Hang Art
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John Natsoulas Gallery
521 First St., Davis, 530-756-3938
Legion of Honor
100 34th Ave., SF 415-750-3614
Lola Gallery
2517 Mission St., Second Floor, SF, 415-401-6800
Northern California Arts, Inc
Bald Expressions, thru Oct. 17
5330-B Gibbons Drive, 971-3713
Phoenix Gallery
1739 L Street, 447-1632
Richard L. Nelson Gallery
Robert Arneson: The Palace at 9 AM, thru Oct. 8
One Shields Avenue, Davis, 530-752-0522
SF MOMA
New Work:Evan Holloway & Dave Muller, thru Oct. 24
151 Third Street, SF, 415-357-4000
Solomon Dubnick
2131 Northrop Ave., 920-4547
Tower Framing & Design
Gallery of The Macabre thru October 31; Anxiety & the Moral Misery, New work by Robert Bowen
2131 Northrop Ave., 923-6204
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